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HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SC/ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group Report on the Development of Education of SC/ST,etc. has recommended that the Government should pay the fees of disadvantaged groups like SC/ST etc. in higher education to increase the quota in Ph.D. for reserved category candidates and also provide the required technical and financial support for the 11th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on these recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (b) Yes Sir.The Working Group Report on "Development of Education of SC/ST/Minorities/Girls and other disadvantaged groups" for 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) inter-alia recommended more freeships,scholarships,free text books,free hostels,subsidized facilities in institutions/hostels to the disadvantaged groups and increase in the quota for Ph.D. in technical institutions for reserved category candidates.

(c) Focus on the disadvantaged sections holds the key to achieving the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) on 15% for the 11th Five Year Plan.Support to institutions with larger student population of SCs,STs,OBCs, minorities and physically challenged, support to the SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, physically challenged,and girl students with special scholarships/fellowships, hostel facilities,remedial coaching,and other measures and setting up of an 'Equal Opportunity Office' in all universities to bring all schemes relating to this group under one umbrella for effective implementation have been suitably incorporated in the 11th Five Year Plan.